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aperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number Complete if Known Effective on 12/08/2004 **Application Number** 08/825,576 pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818). FEE TRANSMITTAL Filing Date 31 March 1997 First Named Inventor PETITE, Thomas D. **FOR FY 2005** EVANS, Fannie L. **Examiner Name** Art Unit 2877 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT Attorney Docket No. STAT1010 395.00

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